

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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FROM: **RAYMOND B. WINGERD**, Chief Probation Officer
 Probation Department

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH FOUTS SPRINGS YOUTH FACILITY FOR TREATMENT
 SERVICES TO DELINQUENT YOUTH**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Find it in the best interest of the County to contract with Fouts Springs Youth Facility as a sole source to provide placement services for court wards ordered into placement by the Juvenile Court.
2. Approve contract with Fouts Springs Youth Facility to provide treatment services to delinquent youth in the amount of \$982,320 for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: For the last two years, the Board of Supervisors has approved contracting with Fouts Springs Youth Facility to provide placement/treatment services to delinquent youth from San Bernardino County. Fouts Springs is a boot camp type program operated as a joint powers agreement by the Counties of Solano, Colusa, and Placer, located in Colusa County.

Probation worked closely with Human Services System (HSS) administrative staffing developing the initial proposal to use Fouts Springs Youth Facility as a placement option for youth who also qualify for foster care. To date, savings to the Foster Care budget continues to exceed the costs of the Fouts Springs program. In addition, Probation and HSS continue to have success with this program and wish to continue contract services with Fouts Springs Youth Facility. For these reasons, continuing with a sole source contract for 1 year is requested.

On June 11, 2002, Amendment No. 1 to Contract 01-507 extended contract services one year; however, on December 17, 2002, Amendment No. 2 modified the contract with reference to a separate service and fee for services provided by the "Special Handling Unit," or SHU. Although infrequent in use, the SHU is used to temporarily house wards who, for example, present an immediate danger to themselves or others. (Only on very rare occasions has Fouts Springs been required to utilize the SHU on behalf of County wards.) The new contract eliminates the prior amendment language regarding the SHU and now includes the service fee within the facility's increased monthly per bed rate.

The new contract guarantees twenty (20) beds at a cost of \$2,895 per bed per month, an increase of \$215 per month per bed over prior contract fees. The fee for any additional beds required beyond twenty beds has increased to \$2,995 per bed per month, also an increase of

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\$215 per month per bed over prior contract fees for the respective service. Funding in the amount of \$982,320 will provide up to 48 wards per year, in two 6-month cycles of 24 wards each.

To date, the Juvenile Court has placed 114 youth at Fouts Springs Youth Facility. Of those youth, 75 have successfully graduated from the program. Of the 75 youth who successfully graduated, 5 have been returned to Juvenile Court for violations of probation and 3 are pending filing for a new offense. Based on this information, Fouts Springs Youth Facility is meeting performance expectations to date. HSS Administration continues to monitor the costs associated with this contract and the outcome measures through monthly reports and billings from the Probation Department and Fouts Springs Youth Facility.

This contract contains a termination clause by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Dawn Stafford, Deputy County Counsel) on June 2, 2003; Human Services System (Kris Letterman, Finance Manager) on June 3, 2003; and the County Administrative Office (Vicki Kratzke, Administrative Analyst) on June xx, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this contract will provide \$982,320 for placement of County wards at the Fouts Springs Youth Facility. Adequate appropriations and reimbursements are included in the Probation Department's FY 2003/04 budget and in the HSS Foster Care budget. Placement costs are 100% local cost and are reimbursed with Social Services sales tax revenue (Realignment).

Cost Reduction Review: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's recommendation for continuing placement services provided by Fouts Springs Youth Facility.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Mel Rinewalt, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (909) 387-5855

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